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Insurance & Real Estate Committee

Public Hearing

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

Connecticut Association of Health Plans

Testimony regarding

SB 372 AAC Clinical Review Criteria for Utilization Review and Adverse Determination Notices

The Connecticut Association of Health Plans is pleased to support SB 372. The Association has been working hard over the past 8 months, under the guidance of the Commissioner of Insurance, with the Office of the Healthcare Advocate, providers, consumer representatives and others to address concerns around access to mental health and substance abuse services. While much of that work has focused on the need to collect even more detailed data from *both* payers and providers as an essential prerequisite to further improvements and updates to our current statutes, SB 372 updates outdated references under the current statute that are in immediate need of change in addition to heightening the level of transparency around the clinical criteria used by health plans in making determinations. Both are measures the Association was pleased to have input into and are measures we can support moving forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.